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In re application of: Hiroshi KANAYAMA et al.

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For: SLIDING BEARING FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

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Claim 4, line 2, delete "or 2".

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Claim 5, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 5" to read --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 6" to read --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

--8. A sliding bearing for an internal combustion engine according to claim 2, wherein said roughened surface is formed by grooves extending into the sliding direction.--